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Mr. Garrison.

Respected & dear Sir.

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Accompanying this, I send you a copy of a sermon which I preached in my church the Sunday following "Thanksgiving". It has created considerable excitement here, so much so, that a Parish meeting is called for to morrow to give me "leave of absence"; - in other words, to turn me out. I would not have you think that I am at all concerned at this. Nor would I have you suppose that this is all I have ever said in behalf of Reform. I have spoken often & much more strongly of popular sins. particularly of Slavery. This is only the last straw which broke the Camel's back. The doors have been commenced and just begin to operate with this slight addition. Now this has furnished talk for village gossips, the bar room &c. And

I am so much & so absurdly misrepresented that I should be glad to have the sermon put into a readable form. A thing which otherwise I should be very loth to do. for it was written very hastily & possesses no merit save the truth it may contain. If I were writing for publication, I should write more carefully. I do not relish the ostentation, nor can I bear the cost of publishing it. I thought however, that if you did not consider it too poor, and it did not demand too much of your columns. you might not be unwilling to insert it in the Libraton.

I beg you to understand, however, that I shall not be at all disturbed if you decline. I ask it as a favor which I by no means consider myself entitled to claim, and it is of little consequence after all. If you are disposed to print it, please forward me 12 copies, in addition to my regular copy. that I may give to some who want to know what I said. Much as I wished. I have thought it best to make no alterations, save a few verbal corrections. Let me hear pleasure about this. and believe me

With great respect Yr. friend Charles E. Hodges.

N.B. please forward a bill for the extra copies if you print this.